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SUBJECT: WORKING PARTY ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING,
FEBRUARY 4-5

1. SUMMARY. WORKING PARTY ON TEXTILE AND CLOTHING
SECTORS CONVENED FEBRUARY 4. WORK PROCEEDED QUICKLY
AND SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE IN LINE WITH US POSITION
WERE ADOPTED. END SUMMARY.

2. WORKING PARTY CONVENED MORNING FEBRUARY 4 TO CONSI-
DER GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE PROPOSED BY INDUSTRY
COMMITTEE AND DEVELOP SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE AND
MANDATE FOR SUBMISSION TO INDUSTRY COMMITTEE AT ITS
MARCH MEETING.

3. US DELEGATE, EDWARD GOTTFRIED OF DOC OFFICE OF
TEXTILES, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN, AND GROUP PROCEEDED TO
GENERAL DISCUSSION OF GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE.

4. DUE TO RELATIVELY MODEST ATTENDANCE AND OBVIOUS LACK
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OF PREPARATION ON PART OF THOSE DELEGATES WHO WERE

PRESENT' INITIAL DISCUSSION WAS RELATIVELY UNEXCITING,
AND GROUP PROCEEDED QUICKLY TO DISCUSSION OF EACH
GENERAL TERM OF REFERENCE.

5. ALL FIVE GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE DISCUSSED
AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT TWO OF THEM, I.E., THOSE DEALING
WITH INFLATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE BETWEEN COUNTRIES
AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT, WERE NOT PARTICULARLY
PRIMARY CONCERNS OF THE WORKING PARTY.

6. HOWEVER, THERE WAS SOME CONCERN, PRIMARILY ON THE
PART OF SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, WHICH WAS REITERATED
THE SECOND DAY, THAT THE WORKING PARTY OUGHT TO CONSIDER
SOME ASPECTS OF THE IMPACT OF TRADE IN TEXTILES WITH
LDC'S ON MEMBER COUNTRIES. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, US
POSITION THAT THE PROPER FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF LDC
TRADE MATTERS IN TEXTILE AND CLOTHING SECTORS IS THE
MFA WAS ADOPTED, AND WORDING TO THAT EFFECT IS CONTAINED
IN ACCOMPANYING NOTE TO MANDATE WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED
TO INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

7. THE WORKING PARTY THEN ADJOURNED TO ALLOW SMALLER
GROUP TO DRAFT SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE. THESE WERE
CONSIDERED BY ENTIRE WORKING PARTY WHICH DECIDED TO:
A) COLLECT AVAILABLE DATA AND REPORTS ON IMPACT OF
PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS;
B) CONDUCT SURVEY OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO DRAW UPON EXPERIENCES
RE ANY ADVERSE IMPACT OF ENERGY SITUATION IN
THESE INDUSTRIES.

8. THE INTENT OF WORKING PARTY IS THAT STUDY BE USEFUL
TO MEMBER COUNTRIES IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS IN THEIR
TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, AND IS TO BE COMPLETED
BY NOVEMBER 1, 1975. THESE TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE IN
LINE WITH US POSITION AND WERE ADOPTED WITH ONLY MINOR
EDITORIAL CHANGES.

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